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COLLECTIVIZATION SLOW IN LITHUANIA;
RECLAMATION AND IRRIGATION PROGRESSING
IN SIBERIAN OBLASTS

COLLECTIVIZATION IN LITHUANIA UNSATISFACTORY -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 172, 23 Jul 49

As of 10 July 1949, there were 4,100 kolkhozes in the Lithuanian SSR, uniting 130,308 individual farms. The kolkhoz area covers 1,472,000 hectares of land.

In Ionishkis and Shyaulys uyezds collectivization has been practically completed, as 80 to 90 percent of the total number of farms have been united into kolkhozes. In a number of other uyezds, including Shakyay, Yurbarkas, Pakegyay, Pasvalis, Zarasay, and Kedvilishkis, over 50 percent of all farms have been collectivized.

However, the Fourth Plenum of the Central Committee KP(b) Lithuania has disclosed in the work of Party, Soviet and agricultural organizations serious shortcomings which hinder the strengthening and further development of Lithuanian kolkhozes. It often happens that newly organized kolkhozes are left to shift for themselves and do not receive the necessary help in the organization of farm artels. As a result, many kolkhozes are slow in collectivizing the horses, farm inventory, and farm buildings of kolkhoz members, the kolkhoz lands are not united into one single unit, and proper crop rotation is not being introduced. Too much time is wasted in choosing the location for a kolkhoz settlement and the construction, adaptation, and equipment of farm buildings is poorly organized. Farm brigades have not been generally established and a number of kolkhozes have not provided the necessary safeguarding of public property.

Training of kolkhoz workers is also unsatisfactory. The necessary measures have not been taken to protect kolkhozes from infiltration by hostile, nationalistic kulak elements who carry on subversive activities.

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Party organizations have recently relaxed their efforts to unite working farmers into kolkhozes. Party and Soviet organizations in a number of uyezds, including Varena, Ukmerge, Vil'nyus, Trakay, Taurage, Utyana, Vilkavishkis, and Shirvintis, do not satisfactorily explain to the farmers the advantages of kolkhoz formation and do not properly curb the antikolkhoz, kulak agitators. Some Party organizations have failed to explain patiently to peasants the principles of the Party and to prepare them for kolkhoz organization. Instead, administrative measures have been used, which is in violation of the free-will principle established by the Party as a basis for the formation of kolkhozes.

The network of primary Party organizations, Party candidates' and Komsomol groups in kolkhozes and villages has been growing too slowly. Political mass-propaganda among young kolkhoz members and peasant women is inadequate.

KOLKHOZES MULTIPLY IN BALTIC REPUBLICS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 142, 22 Jul 49

During 1948 there were 57 kolkhozes in the Estonian SSR, and the number has now reached 3,000. Estonian kolkhozes unite 72 percent of the peasant holdings.

There are at present more than 3,800 kolkhozes in the Latvian SSR, uniting 82 percent of the peasant holdings of the Republic.

Agricultural artels in Lithuanian SSR now total more than 4,000.

OMSK USES PLANES ON SOVKHOZES -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 134, 9 Jul 49

This year, for the first time in Omsk Oblast, civilian air fleet planes are being used to spread fertilizer on winter crops. The planes have spread more than 150,000 tons of fertilizer over 2,000 hectares of sovkhoz cultivated land. Such experiments in the Ukraine and the Volga regions have resulted in an increase of 50-60 percent in the harvest. -- Reprinted from Omskaya pravda

SOUTHERN MACHINES, MEN AID EASTERN KOLKHOZES -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 135, 10 Jul 49

Upon completion of the harvest in the south, the Ministry of Agriculture USSR is sending a considerable number of combines to HTSs in Siberia and Kazakhstan. At the same time, 1,500 skilled combine operators are being dispatched to eastern regions. Combine operators from the Crimean Oblast are assisting the harvest on kolkhozes in Novosibirsk Oblast; those from Krasnodar Kray, in Omsk Oblast; and those from Rostov, in Krasnoyarsk Kray.

NEW ARMENIAN AGRICULTURE TRUST -- Kommunist, No 171, 22 Jul 49

A pasture-development trust has been organized under the Ministry of Agriculture Armenian SSR. In the operational plan of the trust are included construction of new roads leading to mowing areas and pastures, formation of new artificial reservoirs, and improvement of lakes and reservoirs.

KHAKAS IRRIGATION SYSTEM EXPANDS -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 134, 9 Jul 49

A month campaign for construction of the Uybatskaya irrigation system, Khakas Autonomous Oblast, has been completed. More than 700 hydraulic engineering installations, including 30 of concrete, have been built there. Kolkhoz workers of Ust'-Abakanskiy Rayon, workers of Abakan, and miners of Chernogorsk took active part in the work.

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JEWISH AO RECLAIMS UNUSED LAND -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 160, 9 Jul 49

The Jewish Autonomous Oblast has done much this year to utilize new land areas. MTSs have already reclaimed more than 4,000 hectares of new soil and waste land, and have considerably exceeded the plan. Reclamation has necessitated a large amount of uprooting work, with as many as 300-400 trees and stumps to be removed per hectare in some areas. This autumn, the new land will be replowed and completely made ready for sowing next year. At the same time, the oblast is making preparations to drain arable land which undergoes periodic flooding.

The MTS which serves kolkhozes in Obluchenskiy Rayon has excavated more than 40 kilometers of drainage canals, making arable 560 hectares. Reclamation is proceeding on schedule in Smidovichskiy Rayon, where the Volochayevskaya MTS has drained an area of more than 400 hectares. This summer, 2,000 hectares will be drained in the oblast as a whole.

DOUBLE-ACTION PUMP PRODUCED -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 134, 9 Jul 49

The Novosibirsk "Burovaya tekhnika" Plant has produced, by order of the Ministry of Agriculture RSFSR, a new type of pump designed by the Moscow engineer Mikhaylov. This pump is different in that it uses the reverse motion of the plunger in pumping water from artesian wells. As a result, the flow of water is increased 2-2½ times, and with a pump 8 inches in diameter, reaches 20 liters per second.

The plant is now preparing for serial production of these pumps and will produce 30 during July and August.

IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION INSTITUTE HAS VACANCY -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 175, 25 Jul 49

The Moscow Irrigation and Reclamation Institute imeni V. P. Vil'yams announces a competition to fill the position of docent in political economy. Apply: Moskva, 8, ulitsa Pryanishnikova, 18. -- Advertisement

TADZHIK SSR COMPLETES GRAIN PLAN -- Gudok, No 102, 26 Aug 49

Kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the Tadzhik SSR have completed the state plan for grain procurement 100.9 percent 40 days ahead of the 1948 date. The plan for payment in kind for MTS work has been completed 100.6 percent. Delivery of wheat to the state continues.

Kolkhozes and sovkhoses of Crimean Oblast have completed the state plan for grain procurement (excluding corn).

TOMSK SCHOOL TRAINS GRAIN-INDUSTRY TECHNICIANS -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 134, 9 Jul 49

The Tomsk Polytechnical School, Ministry of Agricultural Procurement USSR, is enrolling students in the departments of mechanics, power engineering, technology, and planning. The school trains technicians for work in grain mills and elevators of the Ministry of Agricultural Procurement USSR and the Ministry of Food Reserves USSR. Entrance requirements are similar to those for other USSR technical schools. Students will be admitted to the first-year course in all departments. A special group, to train for 2½ years, will be admitted to the third-year course of the power engineering department upon completion of the 10th grade of secondary school. Dormitory quarters and furnishings are provided for out-of-town students. Address: Tomsk, Solyanaya ploshchad', 2. -- Advertisement.

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FORESTRY INSTITUTE ENROLLS GRADUATE STUDENTS -- Pravda Vostoka, No 143, 22 Jul 49

The Central Asia Scientific-Research Institute of Forestry announces the registration of graduate students. Address: Tashkent, ulitsa Sverdlova, 26. -- Advertisement.

MEAT-INDUSTRY INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES GRADUATE STUDIES -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 171, 20 Jul 49

The Moscow Chemicotechnological Institute of the Meat Industry is admitting graduate students in the following specialties: physiology of farm animals and the technology of milk and dairy products.

Apply: Moskva, Myasnaya-Bul'varnaya ulitsa, 33. -- Advertisement

HAS VACANCIES -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 175, 25 Jul 49

The Moscow Chemicotechnological Institute of the Meat Industry (MKhTImP) announces a competition to fill the following vacancies: a docent as head of the department of applied mechanics, a professor or docent in the department of meat technology, a docent in the department of diagnostics and therapy, a professor or docent as head of the department of special and general surgery, a docent in the department of parasitology, and a professor of botany.

Apply: Moskva, Myasnaya-Bul'varnaya ulitsa, 33, MKhTImP. -- Advertisement

CORK PLANT EXCEEDS PLANS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 152, 30 Jun 49

The Khabarovsk "Ekspanzit" Plant has been exceeding its production plans over a long period of time. At the beginning of June, the plant completed its 5-month plan. The plant processes cork bark obtained from the Asiatic cork tree.

FIRST STARCH PLANT BUILT IN ESTONIA -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 172, 23 Jul 49

A new starch plant with the latest equipment was recently put into operation in Kyati Volost', Vira Uyezd. The plant is the only one of its size in Estonia. It recently produced the first 40 tons of high-quality starch.

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